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LINKING TELEPHONE EXCHANGES WITH OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to link various telephone exchanges with Optical Fibre Cable during the current Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of exchanges so far linked with OFC in various States;

(d) the time by which all the exchanges in the country are likely to be linked with OFC;

(e) the details of budget earmarked for the purpose during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(f) the details of targets fixed and achieved during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) All the exchanges are already covered by reliable media such as Optial Fibre Cable, Microwave and Satellite etc.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Out of total number of 36535 exchanges in the country, 33526 exchanges have been linked with Obtical Fibre Cable media.

(d) There is no plan to link all the exchanges in the country with Optical Fibre Cable media.

(e) The details are given in Annexure I.

(f) The details are given in Annexure II.